

or of incorrigible or vicious conduct and that, from the moral depravity or otherwise of the parent, guardian or next friend in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is unable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 583. 1912, sec. 543. 1904, sec. 480. 1888, sec. 324. 1878, ch. 442, sec. 4.

**687.** The said corporation shall have power to bind out all minors committed to their care, with the consent of such minors, as apprentices during their minority, to such persons and places, within or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employments, as in the judgment of such managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children; and the indentures by which children shall be bound shall contain the covenants, and shall be recorded as prescribed by law; and all the provisions of this code in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 584. 1914, sec. 544. 1904, sec. 481. 1888, sec. 325. 1878, ch. 442, sec. 5.

**688.** The directors of the said House of the Good Shepherd shall have power to place all the females committed to their care at such employment and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as may be suited to their years and capacities; and they shall have power to classify the inmates of the refuge conducted by them and to make all such useful rules and regulations as in their experience they shall from time to time find necessary for the regulation and government of the same.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 585. 1912, sec. 545. 1904, sec. 482. 1888, sec. 326. 1878, ch. 442, sec. 6.

**689.** The said corporation shall have power to receive within the refuge conducted by it all such females as may be committed to it by the criminal court of Baltimore, the circuit court for any county, or any justice of the peace in the State of Maryland under the provisions hereinafter contained and the same to retain within the said refuge for their several terms of commitment; provided, however, that the directors of the said corporation may, at any time prior to the expiration of her term of commitment, discharge and release any female so committed to their care, on being satisfied of her reformation.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 586. 1912, sec. 546. 1904, sec. 483. 1888, sec. 327. 1878, ch. 442, sec. 7.

**690.** The judge of the criminal court of Baltimore, or any judge of any circuit court for any county, upon information that any female under the age of eighteen years in their several counties or the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, leads a disorderly and dissolute course of life, may, upon application of the parent or next friend of such female, issue a warrant or order to be directed to the sheriff or to any constable or police officer in such county or city, commanding him to bring the person against whom the information is so given before said court or said justice on any day to be named therein not more than one week from the date of the warrant, to answer to said charge; and the said court or said justice upon proof of said charge may commit such female to the said House of the Good Shepherd of the city of Baltimore for not less than one week nor more than two months for the first occasion, and not less than one month nor more than six months for the second or any subsequent occasion; provided, how-